

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-10, 14-24, 28 and 29 are pending in the application with claims 1 and 14 being the independent claims. Claims 11-13, 25-27, and 30-37 have been canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 1-10, 14-24, 28 and 29 are free of the prior art.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner has rejected claim 30 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Paper No. 20040107, page 3. Applicants have cancelled claim 30. Thus, the Examiner's rejection has been rendered moot.

The Examiner has rejected claims 30-33 and 37 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for alleged lack of enablement. Paper No. 20040107, page 4. Applicants have cancelled claims 30-33 and 37. Thus, the Examiner's rejection has been rendered moot.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all currently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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